

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) An article of luggage characterized by a "soft" case construction including lid and base forming sections of such construction as to be shape wise self supporting in the absence of a perimeter frame and side, base or back panels whereby the form of the case is established and maintained by the molded lid and base sections.

2. (Previously presented) An article of luggage characterized by a "soft" case construction including lid and base forming sections of such molded form as to be shape wise self supporting in the absence of a perimeter frame and side, base or back panels whereby the form of the case is established and maintained by the molded lid and base sections.

3. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 1, and characterized in that the case construction does not rely upon the use of corner supports and/or additional side panel forming boards.

4. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 1, and characterized in that the case construction incorporates a carrying handle together with a towing handle assembly and associated handling support wheels.

5. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 1, and characterized in that the lid forming and base forming sections incorporate corrugations/recesses so positioned as to counteract wrinkling at the corners of the moldings.

6. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 1, and characterized in that the lid and base sections are molded from a foamed plastics material such as that known as EVA.

7. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 1, and characterized in that the lid and base sections are externally covered by fabric material shaped to conform closely to the external form of the lid and base sections.

8. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 1, and characterized in that the two molded sections are connected together by means including a zip fastener arrangement adapted for enabling the hinging of the two sections with respect to each other and to provide an opening and closing facility to the case.

9. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 8, and characterized in that in order to provide capability of volume expansion of the case the zip fastener arrangement incorporates two separately operable zip fasteners, there being a gusset provided between the zipping portions of one of the fasteners that is associated with volume expansion the arrangement being such that the volume of the case can be increased by appropriate operation of one of the fasteners.

10. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 9, and characterized in that in order to provide capability of a multiple volume expansion facility the zip fastener arrangement incorporates additional zip fasteners each having associated therewith an expansion gusset whereby operation of a zip fastener associated with a gusset enables appropriate volume expansion.

11. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 1, and characterized by the provision of a pair of wheels at one end of the base section there being one such wheel to each corner of said end.

12. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 1, and characterized by the provision of a first pair of wheel assemblies at one end of the base section and a second pair of wheel assemblies at the corresponding end of the lid section.

13. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 12, and characterized in that the wheel assemblies are so located on their respective sections as to lie at the corners of a rectangle.

14. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 8, and characterized by runs of piping such as to provide stiffness to the zip fastener arrangement.

15. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 14 and characterized in that the piping is stiffened by an internally provided wire extending lengthways of the piping.

16. (Previously presented) The article of luggage as claimed in claim 14, and characterized by piping provided in the joint between the zip fastener portion and the lid section, between the zipping portion of fastener and the zipping portion of fastener and between the zipping portion and the base section.

17. - 25. (Canceled)